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SUBJECT: CAMPORA CALLS FOR LAW, ORDER AND HARD WORK

1. SUMMARY. TAKING HIS CUE FROM PERON, PRESIDENT CAMPORA LAST NIGHT GAVE NATION- WIDE ADDRESS CALLING FOR END TO VIOLENCE AND EXTRA- LEGAL MEASURES. ERA OF CONSTRUCTION HAS NOW BEGUN, HE SAID, AND GROUPS WHICH ACT OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF DULY ELECTED GOVERNMENT WILL FEEL THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE LAW. END SUMMARY

2. WITH VICE PRESIDENT SOLANO LIMA, MEMBERS OF CABINET AND CONGRESS AND ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS SITTING BEHIND HIM, PRESIDENT CAMPORA LAST NIGHT SPOKE OVER NATION- WIDE TELEVISION NETWORK. HE BEGAN BY WELCOMING GENERAL PERON BACK TO ARGENTINA. PERON' S RETURN MARKED END OF TRANSITION PHASE, HE DECLARED. ILLEGAL EXILE NOW OVER AND NEW GOVERNMENT FULLY IN CHARGE AND WOULD EXERCISE IT AUTHORITY FIRMLY. AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT EMANATED FROM PEOPLE AND WOULD BE CEDED TO NO ONE.

3. CAMPORA REFERRED TO CONTINUING STRUGGLE AGAINST ENTRENCHED
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VESTED INTERESTS BUT SAID NOW THAT DICTATORSHIP HAD BEEN DEFEATED, NATION MUST LEAVE PASSIONS BEHIND. EACH COMBATANT MUST NOW BE TRANSFORMED INTO CONSTRUCTIVE WORKER. JUSTICIALIST MOVEMENT WANTED NATIONAL UNITY, NOT STRUGGLE. INDEED, FROM STANDPOINT OF MOVEMENT, THERE NOW ONLY ONE ACCEPTABLE CLASS OF ARGENTINES - THOSE WHO WORKED AND CONTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL GOOD. ALL, WHETHER PERONISTS OR NON- PERONISTS, MUST JOIN TOGETHER IN COMMON STRUGGLE AND ALL WOULD BE VIEWED IN SAME LIGHT.

4. VIOLENCE HAD NO PLACE IN TODAY' S ARGENTINA. CAMPORA AVERRED. POLITICS OF RECONSTRUCTION DID NOT PERMIT ANARCHY OR INTOLERANCE. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL ACTS CARRIED OUT BY GROUPS WITHOUT CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY MUST CEASE. THESE GROUPS MUST UNDERSTAND, HE DECLARED, THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE ILLEGAL AND GO AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE EXPRESSED THROUGH THE BALLOT BOX. THEY ARE WARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS FIRMLY TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY.

5. COMMENT. CAMPORA SPEECH ESPOUSING MODERATE LINE IS LITTLE MORE THAN EUPEPTIC VERSION OF PERON' S ADDRESS OF JUNE 21. IT IS NONETHELESS NOT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE. APODICTIC MANNER OF DELIVERY AND FACT THAT CAMPORA SPOKE AGAINST BACKGROUND OF UNITED GOVERNMENT PHALANX WERE CLEARLY DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE GOVERNMENT' S UNITY AND DETERMINATION. CAMPORA' S WARNING TO THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS OR WHO ARE DEFYING THE LAW IS USEFUL. AGAIN, HOWEVER, WORDS ARE NOT DEEDS. WITH ERP CONTINUING TO KIDNAP BUSINESSMEN ALMOST AT WILL, THERE ARE MANY ARGENTINES - AND FOREIGN RESIDENTS - WHO WOULD NOW LIKE TO SEE SUCH WARNINGS TRANSLATED INTO CONCRETE ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS. LODGE

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